

Coonabarabran Rotary Bulletin Mon 16 October 2018

Next Meeting

Mon 29 October - Club Assembly. We were to have some visitors to this meeting, but I understand their visit has been postponed. Could you let me know of any issues you would like to have added to the General Business section of the Assembly agenda.

Calendar

Mon 22 Oct - Coona Race day
Sat 27 Oct - Roach's Hardware special day
Fri 3 Nov - St Lawrence Fete
Mon 5 Nov - Cluster Public speaking
Wed 14 Nov - Community Services Expo
Mon 19 Nov - Guest speaker Dr Steven Cuneen
Fri 23 Nov - Drought Catch Up - Shire Hall
Mon 26 Nov - Vocational visit to Connected Communities Centre (TAFE) – an additional Monday event
Mon 3 Dec - AGM
Sat 8 Dec - Xmas party
Fri 14 Dec - 'Tree of Joy' project with Belrose Rotary Club (Fred Clancy)

Correspondence

- Elizabeth Bunner - drought relief ball information
- Toronto Trekkers - RAWCS money from D9670 possibility

Youth

- New member Erin undertook to organise a speaker for the Public speaking competition

Last Meeting

- Welcome to our newest and youngest member Erin Dowse. So good to have a young face and spirit at the table - do hope you enjoy being a part of Rotary, Erin!
- Gwandelan Bowling Club - goods so far delivered may be stored in the Fire Shed until 23 Nov.
- The Shire Council may assist with the costs of running the Drought Catch Up evening from its drought fund.
- The NSW Match Rifle Association has



donated \$305 collected at its Purlewaugh meet last weekend. Thanks to Kevin for nominating our fund to be a recipient.

- Neil Jung from Lismore has gone ahead with his plan of donating two water tanks to the community through Rotary. These will be placed at the Showground.
- The forage sorghum seed from Pacific seeds has been delivered and is being distributed from Roach's Hardware. Many thanks to them for facilitating this exercise. The seed has been warmly received by farmers.
- Roach's Day is in place and advertised for Sat 27 October 8am – 12pm. We will be providing a BBQ and be present to receive any in kind donations from people.
- We have now distributed more than \$53,000 to 54 applicants in our Drought Program.

Guest Speaker Elizabeth Barkley from the Coonabarabran Hospital Auxiliary

Elizabeth gave an excellent presentation outlining the role of the auxiliary and some of its work in recent years. Here are some of the points she made in her speech:

- *She was eager to reassure listeners that all the money raised in this community goes only to the local hospital.*
- *The Auxiliary has 28 members, 15 of whom are able to be active, sometimes even fewer 'on the ground' workers.*
- *They have a very good relationship with the Health Service Manager Susan Berry, and this greatly enhances the effectiveness of their work.*
- *Some of the developments include more visiting specialists, video facilities, a three-chair renal ward for dialysis, and a hoverjack machine valued at \$11,000.*
- *A new venture is a Healthy food and drink dispenser which will mean that refreshments will be always available rather than only when the kiosk can be opened by the Auxiliary members.*
- *They have an on-going wish list of items to add to the hospital, and are keen to see the Region assist by sharing the cost of some of these.*



Elizabeth (centre) with Auxiliary members Judy Clancy and Chris Brown, flanked by Regional Bank's Kim Hull and Sarah Jackson at their Community Partnerships Presentation evening



Thank you Elizabeth for giving us these insights into the workings of this hardworking volunteer organisation.

Finally, I could not resist adding this photograph of Elizabeth's parents, Past District Governor Bill and Joyce Kelly. Bill preceded Elizabeth as a staunch advocate for the welfare of our local hospital, having been the Chairmen of the Board there for many years.